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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for illegally possessing a firearm.

John E. Allinder, 27, of Kansas City, also known as “Booger John,” was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to eight years and nine months in federal prison without parole.

On April 6, 2004, **Allinder** pleaded guilty to being a felon in possession of a firearm. By pleading guilty, he admitted that he was in possession of eight firearms on Oct. 23, 2003. Among the firearms was a shotgun, several rifles, a handgun and a revolver. Under federal statutes, Graves explained, it is illegal for any felon to be in possession of any firearm or ammunition. **Allinder** has two 1997 criminal felony convictions for possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia, two 1983 criminal felony convictions for burglary and stealing, and a 1997 criminal felony conviction for tampering.

At the time of his arrest, **Allinder** was found asleep in his vehicle, which was running but parked in a driveway on East 40 Highway, in Kansas City. As a law enforcement officer approached the vehicle, he observed three rifles lying on the passenger seat. As the officer attempted to remove **Allinder** from the vehicle, **Allinder** stepped on the gas peddle, causing the vehicle to accelerate forward and run over the officer’s foot.

Allinder then led law enforcement officers on a high-speed chase until he abandoned his vehicle in a vacant lot on North Garland in Kansas City. Law enforcement officers then recovered the firearms and conducted a perimeter check of the property. Shortly after, the officers learned that **Allinder** had entered a nearby residence.

After a brief standoff, Graves said, **Allinder** exited the residence and surrendered to law

enforcement officers.

Allinder was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on Nov. 20, 2003, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David M. Ketchmark and Special Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew P. Wolesky. It was investigated by the Jackson County, Mo., Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at
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